

KINGSLEY FIELD FAMILY SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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HELLO KINGSLEY FAMILY

by: Pam Burns 173d Fighter Wing Family Program Coordinator

We hope your summer was an enjoyable one. It certainly seemed to go by fast. So now the kids are back in school and it's time to start thinking about Halloween and the holidays.

It was terrific seeing you all at our annual Oktoberfest. The food, as always, was so good, the kids had fun, the beer was cold, and the weather once again was beautiful.

Family Services will be sponsoring the kids Christmas party. It will be Saturday of the December UTA (12th). We will be doing the "Craft Fair" as we did last year. We have so many creative people that are part of the Kingsley Family. Enclosed is an application for you to send in if interested in participating. We will also have games for the kids, ice cream with all the toppings. Santa will fly in on an F-15 and pictures may be taken with him. There will also be a raffle of craft items and numerous other goodies. Please bring an ornament for our tree. This can be home made, store bought, whatever, please put family names on it and the year. We have quite a collection of these special ornaments, even if your family has put one on in the past, please feel free to add another. Our tree is quite large and the ornaments look so wonderful on it. We hope to see you all there.

In August of this year I attended the National Guard Family Support Workshop in New Orleans. I went to many classes on establishing and maintaining individual family programs, volunteer recruitment and retention. One class was devoted to 90 minutes of everyone sharing about their own family program. I came home feeling very good about Kingsley's. Many states have little to no family support on their guard bases. The theme for this years workshop was - "Mission First, Families Always". This is something General Weaver (the Big Guy in Wash. DC), strongly believes in. The families of the guard member must be equally supported and taken care of as are the guard members themselves.

Speaking of General Weaver, I spoke with him at the workshop about our daycare, that we are trying to establish here on base. He is very supportive of this as well as Commander Cox and numerous others. We are working diligently to get one started - we will keep you posted.

Please feel free to call any of the names listed below or if you and or your family needs some assistance or if you would like become a volunteer. Becoming a volunteer can mean spending as much time as is convenient for you. We always need help with one thing or another.

Pam Burns - 884-7696.....Judy Hill - 850-9758.....Bridget Wietlisbach - 883-2315
Lisa Reynolds - 882-7797.....Michele Vance 883-2334..... ...Nikki Cox - 884-2108
Lynne Fort - 850-4019.....Barbara Chapman 882-3774Lisa Waite - 885-6934

If you, as family of a Guard need help while they are TDY, Training, etc. please do not hesitate to phone someone on that list. This is the main reason why we are called FAMILY SERVICES.

A FAMILY SERVICE volunteer will be in the Family Service Room, Saturday (Every UTA) for the purpose of answering questions, or assisting in any way we can. Our room is located in the big new building #211, Room #209 next to the F-16 static display. Even if you don't have any questions or concerns, please stop by anyway and visit with us. Hours covered vary so please call first. 885-6112

Garden Tips

By
Judy Hill



- **Improving Fall Color & Hardiness...**For best fall color, choose plants that typically get good fall color in our area. Then, enhance fall color by slowing tapering off water and fertilizer. This helps send the plant into dormancy at the right time. This practice also hardens off the foliage, making it less susceptible to winter die back. On the other hand, heavy water and fertilizer encourage the plant to continue growing –not to go dormant. Then leaves contain too much water and sugars and simply freeze off. Stems and shoots are also too “soft” and will be damaged by freezing temperatures.
- **Why Plant In Fall ...**Fall is a favorite planting time both for us and the plants. Why? First, plants establish a good root system in fall. Root growth continues through fall and possibly later.. Yet plants aren't putting on new foliage, so they concentrate on building roots.
- The benefit: by spring, your plants are established, so they produce more foliage, flowers and possibly fruit. For early spring bloomers, this helps ensure you don't delay or miss the blooming season.
- Second, soil moisture is naturally higher in the fall and winter. Plants can establish in moist ground, and you don't have to water as much.

- Third, soil texture is often ideal. It's damp, but not saturated and gummy. So you won't compact it and eliminate air spaces as you work in it. Fall planting also helps your plant take spring frosts better. The buds will break dormancy at the right time for our area, so you don't have tender growth that will freeze. Equally important for gardeners, fall weather is often more inviting than our cold, wet springs. And with the milder weather, you don't have to worry so much about a missed watering on a new plant.
- **Fall Pruning**
We do most pruning in early spring, so we can remove the inevitable winter die-back. But fall is a good time to trim for a good winter shape. This includes pruning to help with snow loads, or to clean up a scraggly look. Wait until dormancy – pruning then won't encourage new growth, and the plant's structure will be easy to see.
- Check trees for limbs that could drop in winter storms. This includes dead, damaged or diseased limbs and those with narrow crotch angles. Cut out crossing branches.
- Cut back summer flowering bushes if you haven't already. Reduce new growth by half on brooms and deadhead Japanese spiraea, heathers, perennials and mums for a neater winter shape. Shear potentilla, spiraea and barberry into mounds
- Cut back to a 6" – 12" tall framework plants that flower on new wood (butterfly bush).
- Clip Halls honeysuckle, Virginia Creeper and pyracantha for shape. Head roses back one third now, and one quarter in spring. Don't trim bushes that flower on year-old growth or you'll lose spring blooms. This includes lilac, bridal wreath spirea and snowmound spirea, forsythia, & rhododendrons..

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How about starting a 'Favorite Recipe
' Column. Send me your favorite recipe
or recipe's . My address is : Judy Hill
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Kingsley Field Craft Fair

Family Services will again sponsor a bazaar at this year's Children's Christmas Party. This year are only able to have 16 booths. If you are interested in selling your craft, please complete the application and send to Family Services by December 1.

The bazaar will be held from noon to 4 p.m. December 12th in Hanger 219. Set up time at 10:00 a.m. The fee this year will be \$10 per booth space or a donated craft item to be raffled off at the event. If you have any questions contact Michele Vance at 883-2334.

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Number of Tables and Chairs needed: _____

Preferred booth Area: First Choice: _____

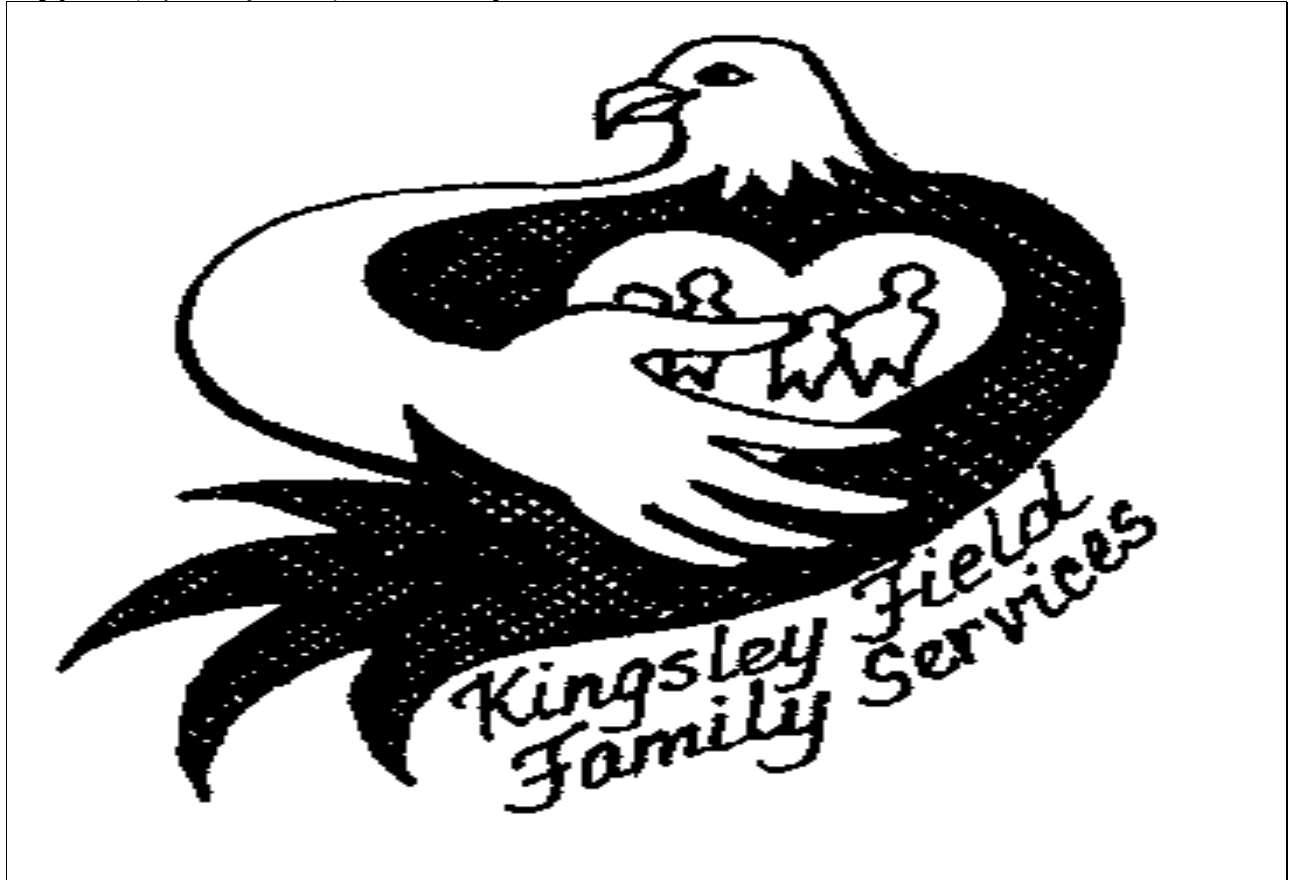
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